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To: All Field Office Managers

From: State Director

Subject: Designation of State National Energy Policy Coordinator

Purpose: The purpose of this IB is to advise all Field Offices that Richard Estabrook, petroleum engineer in the State Office, will be the Bureau's National Energy Implementation Plan and the President's National Energy Policy (NEP) coordinator for California. The alternate coordinator for California will be Duane Marti, Realty Specialist in the State Office.

Background: In May 2001, a meeting was held in Denver to develop a list of specific tasks in response to the NEP. In the late summer, the BLM issued its own Energy Implementation Plan in response to the President's plan. The Bureau's Plan involves 40+ specific tasks and some 300+ individual related actions. The Bureau's Plan generally focuses on expediting energy developments through internal processing improvements, improved coordination with other state and Federal agencies, streamlined processing of energy rights-of-way (ROWs), and a concentrated emphasis on renewable energy sources. While most tasks are national in scope, and are being implemented by the Bureau's new Washington Energy Office, there are a number of actions and activities that California needs to undertake to be in compliance with the implementation of the NEP.

Action: The role of the NEP coordinator in California is to be a central point for collecting, tracking, and reporting progress on energy related projects on BLM lands in California. All offices with existing or foreseeable energy projects (oil and gas, geothermal, solar, wind, biomass, hydro, and ROWs) on public land are asked to fully cooperate with the State Coordinator in his efforts to keep the Washington Office apprised of actions, activities, and progress in connection with the Bureau's Energy Implementation Plan. This will include offices that use any alternative energy to power BLM facilities.

Initially, Rich will be in contact with each field office to inventory energy projects and to gain an overall assessment of progress on energy projects on public land in California.

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